His Excellency
Thomas Sim Lee Esq.
Annapolis
By Post.

Dear Governor — Calvert Cty 13th Sept. 1781 —

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I had the Honor to receive your favors of the 7th Inst. & am much Obliged to you for the very Interesting Intelligence — Our Affairs are now Approaching to a happy Crisis, & I most Sincerely Congratulate your Excellency on the flattering prospect.

Be pleased to Accept my thanks, for your Attention to my application for Mr Gray, who received the Noli prosequa & I believe the Soldier is now on his March to Annapolis

I promise myself the Pleasure of Seeing you on Monday next, & on my return, If I can Possibly shake it Convenient out, have thoughts of Visiting my Old Friend the General in Virg.a, and Amusing myself with a Peak, at least, of the Siege of York — I Wish Our Northern troops, Especially those by Water, May get Safe to Virg.a — The Appearance of weather is Disgreeable, Especially at this Particular Season — the French Army, If their March is not retarded on the Road, may I think reach Head-quarters by the last of next Week or Sooner — I Shall be happy to hear that Lord Cornwallis, Holds His Ground at York untill, Our General is ready to Direct His removal which I flatter myself will be, before the last Day of this Month

Mr. Fitzhugh Joins with me in Affect. Wishes & Compts. to you your Lady & Family

I have the Honor to be
with perfect respect, & Esteem
Your Excellency's Affectionate & Oblig.d Hble Servt. Wm Fitzhugh

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